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**Amendment L**

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 2004 April 15, please amend the above application as follows:

**Claims:**

1 -160. (cancelled)

161. (previously presented): In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar capable of rotation relative to said trigger, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

a. a blocking piece to block said firing element; and

b. a linkage, distinct from said triggerbar, which connects said trigger and said blocking piece;

characterized in that removal of said linkage will disconnect said triggerbar from said trigger.

162. (previously presented): The passive safety mechanism of claim 161 wherein said linkage is slidable.